--- "Series of 1880-81" - TOBACCO - Division Open - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- 1/8th pound - lithographed in BLACK ink - 238 x 20 mm - 4 mm. blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---

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John McKay records that 348,680 lithographed copies of "1/8th Black Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract**. This is his only listing for the size.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) - 348,680

Working from the last recorded control number - as collected to date

Division Open - Blank Panel	108,942
Windsor Division - G 18	21,170
	130,112

These 1/16th and 1/8th pound "Series of 1880" strips do not fit smoothly into the 1880 excise duty schema, and their *control-numbered* printing on *unwatermarked horizontal mesh* wove indicates that being on *unwatermarked* paper they date from 1883-84.

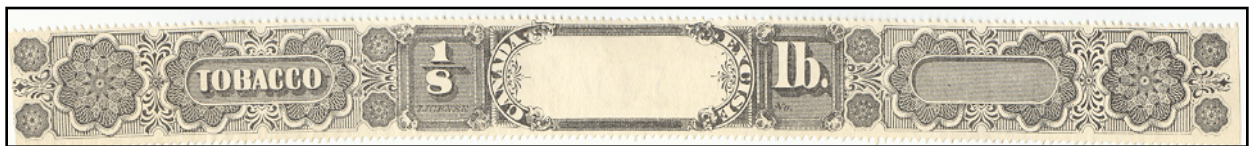
In 1874 *foreign leaf* tobacco was taxed at 20¢ per pound. As a concession to the American farmers, recovering from the Civil War, in 1880 this excise duty was reduced to 14¢ per pound, but in 1883 it was raised to 16¢ per pound. These 1/8th pound ***blank-panel*** strips, plus the 1/16th pound Windsor Division strips, must have been intended for use after 1883, representing 1¢ and 2¢ excise duty per strip.

The 1/8th pound *block watermarked* strip was the initial printing, using the last of the BABN *block watermarked vertical mesh* wove paper.

The catalogue lists the 1/8 pound, black, Division Open, "blank panel" TOBACCO strip as follows:

RP-13 - 1/8 pound, black, perforated 12, Division Open, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls
RP-13a - 1/8 pound, black, perforated 12, Division Open, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls

The collection ***does not contain*** a *control-free* copy of **RP-13an** - the perforated 1/8th pound Division Open ***blank-panel*** strip lithographed in black on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove.



RP-13n - 1/8th pound, black, perforated 12, Division Open, with a blank central panel, *without* control numbering, Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper – an unfinished remnant strip

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--- RP-13 - 1/8th pound - *perforated 12* - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - the *central panel* blank ---

RP-13 - 1/8th pound, black, perforated 12, Division Open, with a blank central panel, control number **049568**,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove,
Coded **6-17 7 '83** in October 1883 by "D. Ritchie and Company", Montreal

048217	10/83	RP-13	1/8th pound, perforated 12, block wmkd vertical mesh, coded **6 - 17 7 83**
049568★	10/83	RP-13	1/8th pound, perforated 12, block wmkd vertical mesh, coded **6 - 17 7 83**
049871		RP-13	1/8th pound, perforated 12, block wmkd, vertical mesh
049928		RP-13	1/8th pound, perforated 12, block wmkd, vertical mesh

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--- RP-13a - 1/8th pound - *perforated 12* - on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove - the *central panel* blank ---

RP-13a - 1/8th pound, black, perforated 12, Division Open, with a blank central panel, control number **108797**,
Lithographed on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove paper

108783	RP-13a	1/8th pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked, horizontal mesh
108797★	RP-13a	1/8th pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked, horizontal mesh
108803	RP-13a	1/8th pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked, horizontal mesh
108804	RP-13a	1/8th pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked, horizontal mesh
108826	RP-13a	1/8th pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked, horizontal mesh
108856	RP-13a	1/8th pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked, horizontal mesh
108865★	RP-13a	1/8th pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked, horizontal mesh
108866-69	RP-13a	1/8th pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked, horizontal mesh
108874	RP-13a	1/8th pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked, horizontal mesh
108875-76	RP-13a	1/8th pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked, horizontal mesh
108879	RP-13a	1/8th pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked, horizontal mesh
108894	RP-13a	1/8th pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked, horizontal mesh
108899	RP-13a	1/8th pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked, horizontal mesh
108932	RP-13a	1/8th pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked, horizontal mesh
108942	RP-13a	1/8th pound, perforated 12, unwatermarked, horizontal mesh

These strips, lithographed at a later date, are undoubtedly remainders, and indicate that about 108,000 strips saw production usage.

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